

and I'm making it strongly here, we must stop this idea that we have to follow people around and be sure they use the money that they are given correctly. These women who are on ADC do not have a lot of money just to start with or they wouldn't be on ADC. They don't have a lot of money. Two hundred and ninety-three dollars a month is the basic, plus seventy-one is still not a lot of money, and if you read that column that I sent around to you that was the rebuttal to the 23,000 dollar mark, you will notice that, for instance in Omaha, rent is higher if she's getting...if she's getting \$293 plus 71 that adds up to...7 and 9 is...about 260...\$364, that's where she gets her rent money. And even if it's subsidized there are places where that's not enough to pay the rent for an apartment or a house, wherever she may be living, whatever kind of housing she has. So I think we have to look at all these things and to be sure that the baby is provided for and that she is provided for in a way that can give her the incentive to continue working if she has a job and/or continue looking for a job, which she's required to do. She is required either to be working, or to be looking for a job, and she has to report and they are follow-up regularly so they know if she's being interviewed, if she has any hope of getting a well-paying job. So I think again, you see the \$71 and the money that we give to her to take care of whatever family she has and to try to nurture and take care of the baby that she's carrying is partly psychological because she does need that assurance that she will be able to get what she needs as far as food, which I know she has food stamps for, and she gets the Medicaid care for her and the children for medical. But a lot of the things that you really need to keep your spirits up and to be sure that the children are warm and properly fed and clothed and so on, if she has to take them to day-care, they can't go in rags, a lot of that is psychological, so she gets up in the morning and feels like she has some self-worth left after she's been mistreated. I have another amendment that I'm working on right now that will take up the question of where that father is and see if we can't get him back and see if we can't be sure that he comes back and is made to take care of that child and mother. And you will think that when I bring that amendment you'll think that, no, this can't ever be done, but everybody talks about it as if it could be done, but nothing is done about it to try to find some mechanism that will make that father responsible for the child that he plants the seed for. So to reiterate on my amendment, I am simply leaving and continuing the coverage for the unborn child for the last three months of pregnancy, which is in statute now,